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In the Matter of Ordinance No. 2 of 1892,

AND

In the Matter of the Petition of GEORGE WILLIAM NATHANIEL HAMILTON, 111 LYTTON, of Gros St., Apartment Park, in the Colony of Victoria, Australia, Chemist, for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an Invention for a Mineral Paint and combination of materials for composing same.

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition, Specification and Declaration required by the above Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and that it is the intention of the said GEORGE WILLIAM NATHANIEL HAMILTON, by HENRY LARDNER DENNIS, his duly authorized Agent and Attorney, to apply at the sitting of the Executive Council hereinafter mentioned for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the said Colony of Hongkong of the above-named Invention.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The Colonial Secretary has communicated the following Singapore telegram to the Chamber of Commerce:

"Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagasaki, declared to be infected smallpox. Quarantine at discretion of Health Officer."

The men arrested in connection with the armed gang robbery in Queen's Road Central were brought before Commander Hastings, at the Magistrate's to-day, and the hearing of the case was remanded till to-morrow afternoon.

A TELEGRAM was received by Messrs Marti on Friday stating that the steamer *Heron* had gone ashore at Hainan Head on Thursday about one o'clock, but she soon got off and made for Hoihow, which she reached about nine o'clock. The main hold was leaking, and was resolved to discharge the cargo in this hold. It is supposed that the vessel experienced very foggy weather. The damage is expected to be very slight.

Mr. H. Ashton (says *L. and C. Express*) to make a correction of a slip that occurred in our last issue when we gave the dimensions of the largest dock at Hongkong, which is No. 1 Granite Dock at Kowloon, and further stated that H.M.S. *Powerful* could not be taken in. This is an error, as the dock is 562 ft. 6 in. long, and 530 ft. on the blocks, 80 ft. wide and 28 ft. 6 in. deep on blocks. The dimensions of the *Powerful* are 500 ft. long, 71 ft. broad, and drawing 27 ft. It is evident, therefore, that the dock is quite large enough for her, unless in engagement she got a large quantity of water in her and drew over 28 ft. 6 in.

The *China Gazette* has taken up an attitude of active hostility towards the Imperial Chinese Post Office, and has declared war on it. Our Shanghai contemporary reproduces the voluminous report of a public meeting held in Shanghai on the 21st Sept., 1886, to consider a proposal to entrust the carrying and control of the mails of the foreign community to the Chinese authorities. The *Gazette* concludes a lead-croto on the subject in the following terms:—"The Imperial Chinese Post" is a postal service only in name and does not even aim to be a national post office, as it does not attempt to deal with the mails of its own people who send their letters through their own post offices as hitherto. It is only the Foreign Communities and the various Consular Post Offices that are affected by the project which the I.M. Customs and the Hongkong Government have devised to jointly plunder the foreign communities in China. If the Chinese will not trust the Imperial Chinese Post, then it is reasonable to ask Foreigners to do so?

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The A. D. Co. gave their fourth performance of "Le Cloche de Corneville" on Saturday night to a bumper house. All the performers—principals, minor characters, chorus and orchestra—got better every time; and the verdict given by the crowded house on Saturday night is now the opinion of all who have seen the piece, viz., that it is one of the best representations yet given by the Amateur Dramatic Corps here. As entries have been deferred, applause was all the more liberal, and floral tributes for the ladies were numerous. It is unnecessary to again mention all the excellent points in the performance. But we cannot but congratulate Mr. Frowd upon the sustained power of his personation of Gaspard. It is a part which is almost too much for an amateur, yet it was played with great care and in a most creditable manner. The by-play of *Geoff* is not only exquisitely funny as a rule, but on Saturday night it was fun almost mad, especially when Mr. Caldwell and Mr. Grimes (the Clerk) got together. This absurdly comical couple did much to furnish a light and pleasant contrast to the more serious portions of the opera; and we need not add, the audience enjoyed the fun immensely. The curtain was twice raised by recall at the conclusion of the performance, and Mr. Mitchell, the Stage Manager (although slow to respond), was called to come before the curtain, and was allowed the compliment paid to him. We are glad to note that an extra performance will be given on Saturday next, in addition to that to be given to-morrow.

New Piano and Organ Repairing Material and Machinery list to hand. Address Messrs. W. Johnson & Co., 10, Queen's Road Central.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL".]

LONDON, 26th February, 1897.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE CRETE QUESTION.

Lord Salisbury has despatched a despatch to the Foreign Cabinet embodiing the policy of the Government in regard to Crete, which the Crete should be autonomous, but remain a part of the Turkish Empire. Should Turkey or Greece refuse to do this, the Government will then be compelled to take such steps as will give the Powers the right to impose their will to protect against the change in the Metropolitical Signals, which are, if anything, more vague than before, or do more than smile at the extreme crisis the worthy Doctor takes for his forecasts. It would, indeed, be strange if, with the information received, such forecasts were not given, but what we do want is that these proposals will accord with the views of the Powers, and proceed to explain that it is not necessary—indeed, that the Turkish Empire is comparatively unimportant. These are the storms which hurt the Colony, and cause merchants, underwriters and others great anxiety. The worthy Doctor can be left to himself; the real responsibility rests on the Government, which, for its own sake should exert itself to procure the data required. And surely this is a reasonable request to make, seeing that we are taxed for this and not for astronomical purposes to which our money is diverted. The circumstances are now somewhat altered, and the Japanese control the South Cape of Formosa & Young.

WEATHER NOTICES.

The following notices are issued from the Observatory:

On the 25th at 11.35 a.m. Expect an increase in S. China—changes of pressure not unimportant. Gradient slight. Forecast—fresh to moderate N. E. and E. winds; fair but cloudy.

On the 1st at 11.35 a.m. The barometer has fallen on the China Coast and gradients are slight generally. Forecast—light and moderate E. winds; cloudy, misty.

GOLF.

An INTERESTING THREE-HALL GAME. Last week a couple of prominent local golfers and an old St. Andrew's hand from the coast essayed, between them, to break the record of the green. Though the very sporting connoisseur was worsted by a small bird by the local men, who well upheld the honour of the Club, the following return of the best of the three balls will show how close the game was; the rounds being as follows:

SHOOTING.

SEURANTS, W. Y. R. V. VOLUNTEER CORPS. On Saturday afternoon a shooting match took place between the Sergeants' Mess, W.Y.R. and the Volunteer Corps at the Police Range, Kowloon. The conditions were—8 men aside; 10 shots at 200 yards and 10 shots at 500 yards; 3 shots at each range with M.H. carbine and 5 shots at each range with Lee Metford rifle. The afternoon was very cold and a drizzling rain fell during the competition. Large scores were consequently not the order of the day, and at the close of the competition the Volunteers were declared the winning team, having topped their opponents' scores by 78 points. Major Sir John Carrington acted as umpire, and the result was a unanimous decision in favour of the Volunteers, who had added a few words to those of their Commandant, Sir John, to the effect that in order to meet the wishes of the West Yorkshire sergeants, and although he could not say that he was sorry that the Volunteers had won, he thought their opponents had not been disappointed in having to meet with the Martini Henry carbine after using the Lee Metford rifle, and concluded by calling on the Volunteers to give three cheers for the West Yorkshire Sergeants, which were heartily given. Sergeant Major West Yorkshire, who had charge of the range, thanked Major Carrington and the Volunteers for their good wishes, and stated that, though his team was not disgraced and hoped to beat the Volunteers next time, and he asked the West Yorkshire men to give three cheers for the Volunteers and an extra one for their Commandant.

THE INDIAN FAMINE RELIEF FUND. On Saturday the Superintendent of the new Science College of Nanking, was in Shanghai on the 24th Feb., endeavouring to collect students for that institution where young Chinese may now learn English and Western sciences and mathematics. The present intention is to teach only 120 students.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS. THIRTY-THREE troopers took part in a Point to Point Steeplechase of the Shanghai Light Horse on the 24th Feb. The winners were Heavy Weights, Trooper Bridgeman; Light Weights, Trooper Forbes.

YONG TATUNG, the Superintendent of the new Science College of Nanking, was in Shanghai on the 24th Feb., endeavouring to collect students for that institution where young Chinese may now learn English and Western sciences and mathematics. The present intention is to teach only 120 students.

ABOUT 150 factory girls belonging to the Yulin cotton yarn mills of Yangtzepon, went on strike for higher wages on the 22nd Feb., and finding their demands unnoticed by the mill owners attempted to create a disturbance at the mill gates. The prompt arrest, however, of two of the ring-leaders of the strike made the rest pause in their demonstration and eventually dispersed quickly.—*N.-O. Daily News*.

We hear that a return match will take place shortly, when the competition will take place solely with the Lee Metford rifle.

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It is reported that M. Normand is to build at Havre five sea-going torpedo-boats for Japan.

H. E. Hsu Ching-cheng, the Chinese Minister, accompanied by the Count of St. Petersburg, Heron, was at the Hague, attended by Dr. Kroese and his son, H. F. Kroese, an Attaché to the Legation. The Minister's son has, after a training in the military school at Tientsin, joined the Austrian army.

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Information has come from Nanking (says the *China Daily News*) that the Viceregal forces have been sent to Tientsin to relieve the *Albion* and the *Phœnix* to relieve the gunboat *Firebrand* on the China Station. Both the *Surgo* and the *Firebrand* on being relieved will be paid off into the Fleet Reserve at Hongkong, and their officers and crews transferred to the *Albion* and *Endymion*. The *Firebrand*, which is one of the smallest warships in commission, having a displacement of only 455 tons, has been more than seventeen years in commission, and will in future be used for river services and coast defence duties in and around Hongkong.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE NEW STORM SIGNALS.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL".

Hongkong, March 1, 1897.

Sir,—Nobly will probably think worth their while to protest against the change in the Meteorological Signals, which are, if anything, more vague than before, or do more than smile at the extreme crisis the worthy Doctor takes for his forecasts. It would, indeed, be strange if, with the information received, such forecasts were not given, but what we do want is that these proposals will accord with the views of the Powers, and proceed to explain that it is not necessary—indeed, that the Turkish Empire is comparatively unimportant. These are the storms which hurt the Colony, and cause merchants, underwriters and others great anxiety. The worthy Doctor can be left to himself; the real responsibility rests on the Government, which, for its own sake should exert itself to procure the data required. And surely this is a reasonable request to make, seeing that we are taxed for this and not for astronomical purposes to which our money is diverted. The circumstances are now somewhat altered, and the Japanese control the South Cape of Formosa & Young.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

The Yachtmen had a very trying time yesterday in the race for two prizes presented by Mr. J. Hastings and Mr. A. Denison, which was sailed in a strong north-east wind. The course was from the Police Pier to Kowloon Point, past the north side of Stonewall Island, round a small Rock about a mile south-east of Coweshead, back round the north side of Stonewall again, and to the starting line again; distance 17 miles.

The following boats started at 11.15 a.m.:

Albatross, Mr. H. E. Pollock.

Miss Marion, Mr. J. Hastings.

Eric, Mr. A. Denison.

Sybil, Officer R.E.

Poppy, Officer R.E.

Ladybird, Mr. E. J. Grise.

Briza, *Miss Marion* and *Sybil* allowed 4 minutes. *Poppy* 14 minutes, and *Ladybird* 17 minutes.

At 1.15 p.m. *Eric* and *Poppy* were the first to finish.

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H. A. RITCHIE,
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